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REMARKS

In the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner has now indicated that claims 6 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This Amendment accomplishes that task. All other rejected claims remain pending before the Appeal Board.

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